

What is claimed is:

1. A method of cutting four edges of a recording medium, comprising:

5 feeding the recording medium to a first cutting position, and cutting two front side edges of the recording medium in a feed direction of the recording medium while feeding the recording medium,

10 feeding the recording medium further to the first cutting portion and cutting two rear side edges of the recording medium in the feed direction while feeding the recording medium,

15 feeding the recording medium to a second cutting position, and cutting one of a leading edge and a trailing edge of the recording medium in the feed direction while the recording medium is stationary, and

20 feeding the recording medium further to the second cutting position and cutting the other of the leading edge and the trailing edge of the recording medium in the feed direction while the recording medium is stationary, one of the leading edge and the trailing edge being cut between cutting of the front side edges and cutting of the rear side edges.

25 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein cutting of the leading edge of the recording medium is performed after cutting of the front side edges of the recording medium, and cutting of the trailing edge of the recording medium is performed after cutting of the rear side edges of the recording medium.

30 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein cutting of the front side edges and cutting of the rear side edges of the recording medium are performed while the recording medium is being transferred in a curved state.

4. A method according to claim 3, wherein said cutting of front side edges and said cutting of the rear side edges of the recording medium are performed while the recording medium  
5 is being transferred in a curved state with an angle of substantially 90 degrees.

5. A cutting method according to claim 1, wherein cutting one of the leading edge and the trailing edge of the recording  
10 medium is performed while the recording medium is stationary in a curved state.